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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: G-4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Scott A. Ciarrocca

Application No.: 10/082,017

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR CUTTING TISSUE

Examiner: LEE COHEN

Art Unit: 3739

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, for which a response is due April 21, 2004. Accordingly, this amendment is timely submitted.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

ELECTROSURGICAL PROBE WITH MOVABLE RETURN ELECTRODE AND METHODS
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